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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Time Magazine Reports Billy Graham Revival

The Associated Press, the Hearst chain of newspapers and other sources have been reporting nation-wide the Los Angeles revival campaign led by Evangelist Billy Graham, president of Northwestern Schools.

An interesting report of the revival is given in *Time*, the weekly news magazine, for November 14. We give that report here, and thank God for the blessed revival.

That great revival campaign has prevented Dr. Graham and song leader Cliff Barrows from taking part, as planned, in the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning in Chicago. God willing, they will be with us at other conferences.

Now read the *Time* magazine report.

### SICKLE FOR THE HARVEST

"We are standing on the verge of a great national revival," says Evangelist Billy Graham, "an old-fashioned, heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival that will sweep the nation... In the words of Joel: 'Put in the sickle while the harvest is ripe.'"

This week, in a big circus tent ("the largest revival tent in history") in downtown Los Angeles, Evangelist Graham seemed to be wielding the revival sickle as no one since Billy Sunday had wielded it. Sponsored and financed by businessmen, ministers and such groups as Christian Endeavor, Youth for Christ, and the Gideons,



Billy Graham

31-year-old Billy Graham arrived in September to conduct a four-week revival.

S.R.O. Graham's sponsors, combined under the name "Christ for Greater Los Angeles," expected him to hold meetings for only four weeks. But this week he had already overstayed his original engagement by two weeks, and was drawing bigger crowds every night. Some 250,000 had crowded to hear him (the tent holds 6,280 but the standees fan out into the street), and nearly every promi-

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## The Most Important Emphasis in Soul Winning

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"Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."—Col. 1:29.

The verse I believe needs emphasis today more than even these other important things mentioned in the context is verse 29 and the place that had in the apostle's preaching. Paul is talking about preaching Christ, and he says, "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." When an individual in Christian service labors, strives and agonizes according to the working of the mighty Spirit of God which works in that man or that woman mightily, the whole country knows about it. Thank God, in our generation we are not without examples of Spirit-filled men and women of God of whom this is true; but because it is so generally not true, I feel that I ought to call attention this morning to some of the things the Word of God has to say about the power of God that is available for witnessing in our day.

### Great Men of the Past Depended on the Wonderful Working Power of the Holy Spirit

First, lest someone should think that this is over emphasizing something that is stressed by some sects or some groups today, let me read a few words. I took these down a long time ago and have

carried them with me many times and read them over because these are words from three great men of God of the last generation—D. L. Moody, Dr. Torrey and A. T. Pierson. I mention Pierson because he happened to be a pastor and a missionary leader. One time when he was preaching on Acts 2, the day of Pentecost, (it is in one of his books) this is what he said:

"In view of the wide, if not total departure of modern preaching from this Pentecostal model, we need not be amazed at the partial, if not total departure of Pentecostal power."

Now he was a man who moved his generation for missions, and he believed that there was available today the power of Pentecost, the power of the Holy Spirit.

One time D. L. Moody was preaching to a great gathering up in Boston, and this is what he said: (he, too, was talking on Acts 2.)

"See how He, the Holy Spirit, came on the day of Pentecost. It is not carnal to pray that He may come again and that the place may be shaken. I believe that Pentecost was but a specimen day. I think the church has made this awful mistake, that Pentecost was a miracle never to be repeated. I thought, too, that Pentecost was a miracle that is not to be repeated. I believe now, if we looked on Pentecost as a specimen day and began to pray, we should have the old Pentecostal fire here in Boston."

Everybody knows that the Pentecostal fire was in evidence in Boston. Multitudes were broken



Dr. S. Maxwell Coder

down by the Spirit of God because the Spirit of God was working in power through one man there.

I read the following in a book by Dr. R. A. Torrey, another man who went around the world and set the world on fire with the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

"At three o'clock we gathered in front of Mr. Moody's mother's home, 456 of us in all—all men from the Eastern colleges. (Just imagine 456 young men influenced by D. L. Moody and one of them was Dr. Torrey!) We commenced to climb the mountainside. After we had gone some distance, Mr. Moody said, 'I do not think we need to go farther. Let us stop here. I see no reason why we should not kneel down here now and ask God that the Holy Spirit may fall on us definitely, as He fell on the apostles at Pentecost. Let us pray.' He knelt down on the ground. Some of us lay on our faces on the pine needles. The Holy Ghost fell upon us. It was a wonderful hour. There are many

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## SALVATION

By A. C. DIXON, B.A., D.D.

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"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts. 16:30, 31.

"What must I do to be saved?" Not reformed, for Christianity is neither form nor reform, but a life deeper than both. It is not education, though that is important. It is not civilization, though that, too, is important. Indeed, reformation, education and civilization without salvation is damnation.

"What must I do to be saved?" It is a personal matter. We are not saved in companies, but one at a time. It is the personal relation between you and God that brings salvation. "What must I do?" Ask that question for yourself, and not for your neighbor; and then hear the answer to the question: "What is salvation?" It may be described as a historic fact, a sudden experience and a gradual process.

### I. A Historic Fact

Salvation, first of all, is a great historic fact. You cannot add to it, and you cannot take from it. Jesus Christ came down from Heaven; was born of a virgin; grew into youth and manhood; preached and worked miracles; died upon the cross; rose from the dead, and ascended to Glory. Whether you believe it or not, it is true. And it is just as true if you reject it as if you accept it.

You may say that the sun does not shine, but it shines all the same. Christ was Son of Man and Son of God, God incarnate. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the best established fact in history. I know that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead better than I know that Napoleon Bonaparte died on the island of St. Helena. I know it better than that George Washington was the first president of the United States. The proof in favor of the deity of Christ, founded upon His claims, His character and His works, is so overwhelming that the man who knows the proof and will not accept Jesus Christ as divine, does violence to his reason.

And the proof in favor of the inspiration of the Bible—that it is literature written at the command of God, under the guidance of God, and preserved by the providential care of God—is so over-

whelming that the man who knows the proof and does not believe it, does violence to his reason. When you hear a man call himself a rationalist because he rejects the deity of Jesus and the inspiration of the Bible, put him down as an irrationalist. The historic Christ, with all the Bible claims for Him, is the Mont Blanc of all mountain-peak facts of history.

### II. A Sudden Experience

Salvation, a great historic fact, becomes in him who receives it a sudden experience. If you do not accept the fact, it is nothing to you. If you reject the fact, you cut yourself off from it. The bakery may have bread enough for everybody in the city, but only those who eat have their hunger satisfied. The reservoir may contain sufficient water to supply all the city, but only those who drink have their thirst quenched. The atonement of Jesus Christ is sufficient for all the world, but it is efficient only for those who believe. It has in it merit enough for the salvation of this lost race, but God's provision is that only those who accept Christ—only those who are willing to be saved by His atoning blood—are saved at all. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." With some people it is a very

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## Sword Literature Winning Souls Abroad, As Well as in America

By VIOLA WALDEN  
Secretary to Dr. John R. Rice

Settle back comfortably in your easiest chair, gather the whole family around you and for the next twenty minutes, you are in for the blessing of your life! When I began collecting the marvelous mail which has come, I surely wished for a sixteen-page SWORD instead of eight pages. The letters we would like to print would surely more than fill all this paper this issue.

To encourage you to spread and to speed the gospel light, these letters are printed. Remember, such results are usual with The Sword of the Lord and its books, not unusual. We actually see the results of the work day by day. See if these testimonies do not fire your soul and cause you to be more concerned about lost ones!

### Forty-Seven Saved in Japan

On September 22, Rev. Timothy Pietsch, missionary under the Pocket Testament League, and one

to whom we have sent money for two editions 100,000 copies, I believe, of the booklet, *What Must I Do To Be Saved?* by Dr. Rice in the Japanese language, wrote us as follows:

"In the spring at one of our street meetings a young man by the name of Adachi San heard the gospel and inquired at our home of the way of salvation. It was our joy to lead him to the Lord Jesus

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who will never forget it."

Dr. Torrey wrote that. There may be somebody here today—I don't know; I hope not—who may think that D. L. Moody did not know as much as we know today about the Bible, that we could teach him a great many things and that we might be able to criticize him and say that he had no right to talk about the Holy Spirit falling on people. Nevertheless, no one can deny that D. L. Moody knew the power of the Holy Spirit in a way that nobody has known the power of the Holy Ghost since.

I was talking to Dr. Wilbur Smith in California a month or so ago. He told me that he is going to devote a time during the next five years to writing something more about Moody than has ever been written before because he has discovered the world-wide influence of that one Spirit-filled evangelist and Bible teacher. He has found out more in his research than he ever dreamed was true before.

It doesn't matter whether or not we would agree with D. L. Moody and Dr. Torrey. Shame on us if in powerlessness and weakness we feel able to sit in judgment on Moody and Torrey and say that they didn't have dispensational truth or that they didn't know what we know today, that they didn't have the light on the Bible that we have today. Thank God they didn't have, if light on the Bible would have made them as powerless as we are! Because in Moody we have the example what God can really do with a man who really believes the Word of God.

Now I believe with all my heart, as I am sure does everybody here, that on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came from Heaven where He had lived before and began to take His residence on this earth in believers. I believe that that never happened before, that the Holy Spirit is still here and that in that sense, of course, Pentecost happened once and for all. But the thing I think we overlook is the fact that the Holy Ghost is here today and with the same power that was given to the early church when the Spirit of God came. That power is at our

disposal today. However, I don't believe that there are very many people who realize it. Certainly, there aren't many of us who act upon it.

### The Wonderful Power Jesus Promised Us for Soul Winning

I would like for us to look at this power for a few minutes. This is the most wonderful thing I ever found in my own personal study of the Word of God. Let me recall one or two things to mind about this power that our Lord promised, because in the promise of the Lord there was provision made for His church to have supernatural power for its ministry.

Have you ever noticed what was the last thing He ever said before He went to glory? The very last words that fall from the lips of the Lord Jesus, according to Luke 24:49, were these (then He ascended after He said this word):

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

That is the last word the Lord gave. It was a promise that when He left His church behind, that church would not be powerless but would have at its disposal the ministry of the third person of the Trinity, the promise of the Father. Oh, if you turn to Acts 1:8, 9, probably the most preached on missionary text in the Bible, you will read:

"But ye shall receive power, [said the Lord Jesus] after that [or when] the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

What is the last thing recorded of the Lord in Luke and in the book of Acts? It is witnessing to the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit; it is a promise that the Holy Spirit would empower His people. So in the promise of the Lord there is power for us today. That was fulfilled. I am not going to stop with that remarkable record of what happened in the book of Acts when the Spirit of God did fill those people after they had been in that upper room, had prayed and were ready for the filling of the Spirit of God. When He came, then wonderful things happened. They were all filled. People around were confounded and amazed; they marveled, "were pricked in their heart" and cried out, "What shall we do?" Some 'gladly received the Word' and "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship," and "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Those things are recorded in the second chapter of Acts. On that day of Pentecost people cried out, "What shall we do?" Let me tell a story.

### What Holy Spirit Power Will Do in Soul-Winning Work

I was holding some meetings in Pennsylvania one time and there was a young man in his thirties, perhaps, who led the singing. One evening after the service we were together a little while and he was very much broken up.

I asked, "What's the matter?" He said, "The Lord has been bringing me to see what has happened in my life."

I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "Well, a few years ago I was an evangelist." Then this is one of the stories he told me.

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Loan Endowment Fund which we are raising can help worthy students get a Christian education and at the same time can help this Christian institution pay its operating overhead and thus maintain its Christian testimony.

Fourth, remember, Bob Jones University could even raise its prices for room, board, tuition, and fees and could fill the school with students who are able to pay, and the institution would have no difficulty with its operating overhead; but if we should follow this course of procedure, we would have to turn away every year some of the finest young people on earth because these young people are not able to pay in full. Remember, these young people we would have to turn away might make greater soul winners and Christian leaders than those we would take who could pay in full. We are, therefore, appealing to you Christian people to help us help these young people train for leadership.

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Sometimes when we talk about a million dollars, people say, "My gift will be small and will amount to nothing." That is where you are wrong. If you are not able to make a big gift, make a little gift. A little gift from you might be more generous than a big gift from some other people. We are asking our Christian friends to do the best they can, but we are pleading with them to do something. Now, do not turn this appeal down. Please let us hear from you as promptly as possible. We appreciate what some of you have already done, and we believe you are going to do some more. Some of you have been putting off sending in your gift. Now, come on and send that gift in right away. We are depending on you. We also want you to pray for us every day. Pray that God may keep Bob Jones University as a base of worldwide evangelistic orthodox Christian testimony and that out from this center there may continue to go to the ends of the earth consecrated trained Christian leaders.

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"We were having meetings in a certain small town near Chester, Pennsylvania. We rented a store, put up a sign and began to hold meetings. A handful of people came out in the evening. Since there was no evidence of a working of the Spirit of God, we decided to spend a night in prayer. We closed our little meeting one night and spent about a whole night praying that God would manifest Himself in power in the meeting the following evening.

"The next evening when the meeting began we had a larger group present. I had hardly started to preach when the front door opened and in came a drunk man, the most notorious, wicked character in that town. As he staggered in the door, the Spirit of God smote him. He fell down on his hands and knees and crawled on all fours up the aisle crying out, 'God be merciful to me a sinner; save me.' When he got to the front, received the Lord and began to testify of what the Lord had done, there came a change in that meeting that meant a revival in that community.

"In those days I realized my powerlessness. We found the secret of real blessing, and the revival meeting came after we poured out our souls to God in a night of earnest prayer and waiting on Him. But later I began to neglect prayer. I didn't spend even an hour in prayer for a meeting. Finally I had to give up my meetings. I took a milk route; so here I am now. (I think he was driving a milk truck or something.)

"I do lead singing. I believe that tonight the Lord spoke to me. I remember that in those days we didn't have to beg people to get saved. There was so much prayer power backing the meetings by those who were interested in them, so many individuals were praying for the evangelist, that we did not have to plead. We wouldn't even finish the message before people would cry out in the congregation for salvation."

I have believed ever since he told me that story—and I have read a good bit since then in the history of revival—that if today an evangelist has to stand before a great company of people and coax the lost to receive the Son of God who loved them and came down from Heaven to die for them, I am sure there is failure on the part of God's people to pray that the Spirit of God will

fall upon that congregation and work through that evangelist or that preacher. We are having to coax today.

We are going to see revival; revival will be here. Thank God, I believe it will come one of these days—such an awakening as we have never seen in our lives. It has come before in our nation, and it can come again. When it does come, friends, then we are going to see repeated what we have read about in the history of revival. Instead of our coaxing and prolonging the appeal, we are going to have people swarming to the front, crying out to be saved. All around the congregation we are going to see people break down with strong crying and tears because the Spirit of God is convicting and converting as the living Word is preached.

### Paul's Emphasis in Ephesians 1:17, 18 on Holy Spirit Power

Now, this power here that the apostle is talking about is the actual thing today. I believe all the other things are related to it. One of the requirements for this power is certainly prayer and obedience to the Word of God. But notice in the Word of God some of the things that are said about this power.

It is given in the promise of the Lord Jesus. It ought to be important in our eyes if it is the last thing He spoke of before He went to Glory. It is found throughout the book of Acts in manifestation; it is found in the prayers of the Apostle Paul.

Let me call attention to something that still rocks me back on my heels every time I think about it. In the first prayer of the apostle in Ephesians 1, he is praying for a company of people to whom he ministered for three years. Now he is in a prison in Rome. Over there he prays in Ephesians 1:17, 18, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know [and among the wonderful things that he prays that they may know is this in verses 19 and 20] . . . what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead."

Now I always stop my thinking there and go on to read about the Lord being glorified in Heaven now. Then when I came to chapter 2 I read the beginning verse, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." One time I noticed that there is no verb in that verse. When the translators took the Greek text and brought it into English, they found there was no verb in Ephesians 2:1. They said, "What are we going to do?" Well, the nearest verb and the one that would seem to belong there certainly is in verse 5 where it says, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ." They took that verb "quickened" and put it up in verse 1, but the Spirit of God never put it there. However, these men of God respected the Word so carefully that every time they did introduce a word that seemed necessary in English, they always

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put it in italics so that people would know thereafter that they had put it in and that it was not put there by the Spirit of God.

This chapter, therefore, begins, "And you who were dead . . ." Well, what does it mean? Suppose we eliminate for a moment the parenthetic passage about Christ at the end of chapter 1, beginning at the middle of the twentieth verse—let us pass by that in our reading; let us leave out the italics in 2:1—then let me read it. Paul prays for those people who knew much of the Word—since he was their pastor for three years—that they might know "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, . . . And you . . . who were dead in trespasses and sins." It is provable from the text that the Apostle Paul is trying to break into the dull minds of believers the wonder of salvation through the power of God. We can prove this.

Do you know there are seven words in verse 19 in the original Greek that have been brought over into our language so that we can describe great power? Now you have noticed the piling up of superlatives in our English version. It is even more striking, far more striking in the Greek. Here are the words:

Our word **dynamo**: an instrument for transforming mechanical energy into electrical energy comes from the root here, and our word **dynamite**, of course, comes from the same root. We brought those right into our language from the Greek, and that Greek word is found in this verse.

Our word for **energy** comes directly from the Greek of this verse. The last half of our word **autocrat**, when we talk about a

man that has power to govern, is found in here. The strongest bone in the human body is called the ischium, and the word ischuos, is in the Greek of this verse.

We talk about **hyper**, an excess of something—that is found here. **Megohm** in radio is a million ohms, and **mega** is found here. During the war we read about ballistics, the science of projectiles. **Ballo**, to throw forth violently, is found in this verse.

Seven words are put together by the Spirit of God in the prayer that God's people will come to understand what this great power is that brought us from death into life through Christ Jesus. Now that is, I might say, a definition of the power spoken of throughout the New Testament, and there it is. That means that if you have not been made the subject of the creative power of God, you have never yet been saved. I find people like that all the time.

I was thinking, as I was on the platform here, of a week's evangelistic meetings that three of us held. A man and his wife sang and I preached. At the end of the last meeting when the real break came, the Sunday School superintendent, who had been a trustee in the church there for twenty-three years, was standing at the back of the church with tears running down his face. He took my hand and said, "It's hard to believe, but for twenty-three years I have been an officer in this church but I was never born again until tonight."

I have been in my own church where I was pastor. One evening I held a regular Sunday evening service. Later, when I went out to see our boys play ball with the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, somebody came to me and said, "Wasn't that wonderful that happened last night?"

I said, "What happened last night?" I had made an appeal, but I didn't see any response. The choir was in back of me. Our most prominent alto singer was in that choir.

This man from the church said, "Why, Mrs. So-and-So was wonderfully saved in the choir last night. Today the whole town is talking about the change that has taken place in her." She came from a very ungodly home and apparently was a church member who had never been born again.

The Word of God talks about the power of God as an exceedingly wonderful thing that transforms a lost sinner into a child of God. We have all seen it happen. I don't know whether you have noticed that the Bible gives only a few verses to the creation of this world and the universe, but perhaps you have noticed that He gives book after book to tell how He can save one single lost soul. Psalm 8:3 talks about the heavens, the work of God's fingers; but then Isaiah 52:10 speaks about the making bare of the right arm of His power in bringing salvation to the nations. God could speak and make the universe, but His Son had to come and die in order that we could be saved. Yet there are people who believe that they can reject God,

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nent minister in Los Angeles had put in an appearance on Billy Graham's crowded platform.

Last week two notable local citizens publicly announced their conversion. War hero and onetime Olympic runner Louis Zamperini, 32, accompanied by his wife, hurried down the aisle. Said he: "From now on, I am going to be an honest-to-God Christian." Stuart Hamblen, radio star (cowboy band) also announced his "return to the teachings of Christ," and offered his string of seven race horses for sale.

Blond, trumpet-lunged North Carolinian William Franklin Graham, Jr., a Southern Baptist minister who is also president of the Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis, dominates his huge audience from the moment he strides onstage to the strains of *Send the Great Revival in My Soul*. His lapel microphone which gives added volume to his deep, cavernous voice, allows him to pace the platform as he talks, rising to his toes to drive home a point, clenching his fists, stabbing his finger at the sky and straining to get his words to the furthest-most corners of the tent.

Evangelist Graham pays little attention to the revival's finances ("The committee handles all that"), but the amount of money collected has astonished seasoned hands. Though only one collection is taken each session, contributions average 25c a head instead of

spurn the blood that was shed for them and still get into Heaven if they try hard enough—if they do something religious regularly or are good to their neighbors and all those things.

### Paul Had the Same Power at Thessalonica

Before I notice the verse with which I would like to close, let me remind you of another verse where the apostle speaks of his preaching in the days of the apostles.

The verse, of course, is I Thessalonians 1:5, but I am always impressed by what he says in verse 4. Even though the sermon doesn't deal with it, it seems we ought to call attention to it.

Paul is writing to a group of people and he says, "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." Do you know anything about whether people that live along side of you or to whom you preach are the elect of God? How did Paul know that? He knew it in the same way that we can know it today. He said:

"Knowing . . . your election . . . [because or] For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

Here Paul says that he knows they are the elect because of the way the gospel hit them. When

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the usual 7c for revival-goers.

Says Billy Graham: "I want to do away with everything that is criticized in mass evangelism. We believe it is a spiritual service. We don't believe it is a concert or a show . . .

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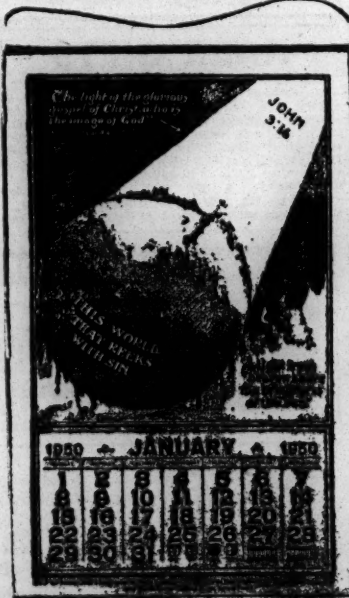
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W. G. Hudson.

KANSAS  
Galena, Kansas  
October 10, 1949

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"Thank you so much,"  
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"I was led into an experience of salvation in September, 1947, by reading Dr. Rice's book, *Prayer, Asking and Receiving*, and can never thank God enough."

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Mrs. Margaret Rush  
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## VIRGINIA

"Dear Brother Rice:

"The little booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', which I have enjoyed so very much, I cannot express just how happy I do feel after reading this booklet over, over and over again. I'm willing to claim Christ this very day—April 14, 1949 (though she did not write us until recently. V. W.)—as I am SAVED. I trust Christ. I am glad to confess Him as my Saviour and gladly mail this to let you know.

"Brother Rice, I will greatly appreciate it if you will send me ten of the little booklets. I promise to give them out personally to those who promise to read them..."

Mrs. Troy L. Smith  
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"Dear Rev. Rice:

"I received the most wonderful gift ever given to mankind, two weeks ago. By accepting Christ, I received the gift of eternal life and words cannot express my happiness; also my gratitude to you. For it was through your

tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' that I saw the way to salvation.

"I am twenty years old and glory in the thought that I'll have a lifetime to show others the way to Christ.

"I am enclosing a dollar. Please send me as many tracts as it will buy. I am eager to give them to my friends. The one I want is 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'

"A Worker for Christ,"  
Mrs. P. S. Derby  
Norfolk, Va.

## KENTUCKY

"... today, in the work house, one of the workers gave me some of your tracts, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' One of my fellow-workers was saved from Roman Catholicism by reading that tract, so I will promise to prayerfully distribute 500 or more if you will send them..."

Robert Lewter  
Louisville, Kentucky

## Jokes at Friend's Religion; Then Becomes Converted!

We were mighty glad to receive the following letter; mighty glad, too, that the friend who was "kidded" took it on the chin and stayed in there! Read this interesting testimony:

"Dear Brother Rice:  
"I feel that I should have written you before. I was saved about a year ago by reading your book, *The Scarlet Sin*, given to me by a friend who was converted up in Alaska by reading it. He is one of your agents, Floyd Collins.

"I sort of kidded him about his religion, and when he handed me the book I jokingly replied, 'Maybe I'll be converted, too, huh!' Well, I was! I had never read a more convicting book. I signed up most of my relations for the SWORD OF THE LORD. And you can take my word for it, they enjoy them. It's just a shame every family in America doesn't take the SWORD OF THE LORD. Not only have I enjoyed the SWORD OF THE LORD but many of your books. *The Home; Prayer, Asking and Receiving; Ruin of a Christian*, and others. They have helped me greatly in my Christian life."

George Wilkins  
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## CALIFORNIA

"May God continue to bless you in your work there as you labor for the Lord. The 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' tract is dear to me indeed. In the first days of my salvation I used it to lead my sister to the Lord."

Rev. Claude Porter, Pastor  
Grace Baptist Church  
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"... One of my sons got saved by reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Thanks be unto our Saviour Jesus Christ, Hallelujah. God's blessings be with you all.

"Yours in Him,"  
J. P. Buller  
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## NORTH CAROLINA 17-Year-Old Junior in High School Converted After Reading "Heaven" Book

"Durham, North Carolina  
October 10, 1949

"Dear Brother Rice,

"Today I finished reading your book on *Heaven*. I can't begin to tell you how much it has meant to me. Well for one thing it has brought salvation to my soul and I can't begin to tell you how happy

I am. Of course you know how happy you were when you began to trust the Lord as your Saviour. I used to fear judgment day, but, praise God, I long to see Jesus and to live with the departed saints! I did bob my hair, but never will I again. Oh that beautiful mansion above! How I long for it, just to be with our Lord forever. I don't feel like it will be long before my desire is fulfilled. The time is fulfilling and Jesus will come and gather up His loved ones.

"Brother Rice, I am seventeen years old. I am a junior in high school. I used to think I shouldn't need to repent until I was older, but praise the Lord. I can praise Him at a young age, and serve Him more!"

Mary Wallace

## OREGON

## Saved From Jehovah's Witness Cult Unto Salvation

An evangelist, Rev. Tom C. Fair of Portland, Oregon, ordered a year's subscription for a friend, then he explained:

"This man was converted in meetings we were holding last August, and was mixed up in the Jehovah's Witness of that place. I talked to him for a week and then gave him some of your papers to read. At last he came through in a wonderful way for the Lord. ... We receive real blessing from your paper and highly recommend it everywhere. I especially wanted this fellow to have it."

## An Appeal to Help Spread the Message

Daniel Webster said ... 100 years ago: "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country ... I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the Devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

Now this was written by Daniel Webster 100 years ago. Has the world become better gradually? What a silly question for me to ask.

Now why? Have you ever gone to a news-stand to look over their display of literature? (what a shame to call it by that name!) It is shocking what one finds there. Surely we as Christians have failed to do our part somehow, somehow.

But don't you think people would be willing to read good literature if it were placed before them? Surely these letters prove that statement true.

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Do you have to see all the results? No, we never do—here on earth we never shall.

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# Salvation

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distinct, sudden experience. That is the case usually with wicked men and women. They can tell you frequently the very minute when the light dawned—when they were born from above. I have a dozen friends of that kind. I think in all my attendance at the Water Street Mission in New York, I never heard a man or woman give an experience that did not give the exact time—and most of them the very minute—when they were converted.

I can see the face of the dear old man—he has entered Glory now—who stood up the first time I attended the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. His face was beaming with joy, and with watch in hand, he said, "Six years, seven months, fifteen days, four hours and six minutes ago I was converted, sitting right in this very place." He had it down to the minute. The superintendent said, "He came in drunk that night. We told him about Jesus, and he went out sober, rejoicing in salvation; and he has been sober ever since. We always keep that seat reserved for him, because he likes to sit in the place where he accepted Jesus as his Saviour." That man knew when the shackles fell; he knew when the darkness disappeared; when Jesus revealed Himself as a Saviour, mighty to save from drink.

Other people have an experience not so definite, but just as real. This Philippian jailor had an exciting experience. He was shaken out of his bed at night by an earthquake. He was in danger of being executed in place of the prisoners, should they escape. In the midst of all this excitement he met Paul, and asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

Another man is sitting in his chariot, quietly reading the book of Isaiah. There is no earthquake, no excitement. A traveler comes along and is invited to take a seat in the chariot. The invitation is accepted. The traveler explains the Scriptures. The eunuch accepts Jesus as his Saviour. It was a very quiet transaction. There was no trembling, and yet he was just as much converted as the jailor.

There are some people who like earthquakes; they will not have a religion without an earthquake. And there are other people who cannot endure earthquakes; they want quiet, with no excitement. They prefer not to be converted in a revival. Some have said to me, "I would like to be a Christian, but I do not like this excitement. I want to be converted quietly." Some of them have

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been having a quiet time all their lives. If anybody wants a good quiet place to be converted in, there are many such places in this city! The jailor was saved in the midst of excitement. The eunuch was saved in the midst of the chariot ride. It matters not whether you are trembling in an earthquake of excitement, or in the quiet of a chariot ride; but what does matter is that you turn from sin to Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Salvation is a sudden experience. Negatively the Bible calls it repentance; positively, faith. But there is no genuine repentance without saving faith; and there is no saving faith without genuine repentance. What is repentance? Just rub off all theological terms, and repentance is sorrow for sin which leads one to take God's side against sin in the name of Christ. You have been fighting God on the side of your sin; now just change sides and begin to fight sin on the side of God in the name of Jesus, and you have repented. That is what David did. When the prophet said, "You have sinned," he said, "Lord, forgive me"; and after that he fought sin on the side of God. But Saul did not. When the prophet said, "You have sinned," he made some sort of apology for it, and took sin's side against God; and the result of it all was that he died a suicide on the battlefield. Every soul that takes the side of sin against God will be a suicide for time and eternity.

There is much good time wasted arguing as to which comes first, repentance or faith. A Bible conference discussed that question was nearly three hours. They just filled the air with fog, blue fog, London fog; and when they got through, there was more fog than when they started! As well argue, if John Jones comes in at that door, who comes in first, John or Jones. Like the Siamese twins, true repentance and saving faith are so joined together that, if you cut them apart, you kill both.

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## Salvation

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comes a gradual process.

When you are born again you begin to grow. When you surrender to Jesus Christ, the yoke of bondage gives place to the yoke of liberty. The new birth is not a process but "a crisis with a view to a process." John M. Wood was walking down Water Street, New York City, in delirium tremens with the sixth dismissal from the United States Navy in his pocket, on the charge of chronic alcoholism, without a penny or a friend in the world. He was making his way to the East River, bent on suicide, when he saw a light across the street shining through a transom above a door, and with that light came the strains of the familiar hymn:

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,

And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains.

He stopped and said to himself, "That's the song my mother used to sing when I was a youngster. I will go over and see who is singing it before I kill myself." He went over and found himself in the Jerry MacAulay Rescue Mission. Jerry was talking to them about Jesus, who, he declared, could save a river pirate, criminal and drunkard like himself. In his direct way Jerry said, "If you mean business, boys, there is hope for you." "Into my blurred mind," said John M. Wood, "came a little ray of hope, and I said, 'If that is so, I will try it.'" He knelt down. Jerry whispered to him some words of promise, and he rose up a new man in Christ Jesus. I have heard him thrill great crowds as he said, "I staggered up to the cross of Christ; the blood fell on me and washed me whiter than snow."

General O. O. Howard fought more battles and won more victories than any other general of the great American Civil War. He was victorious in sixty-four battles, without a single defeat. While I was preaching to the soldiers at Tampa during the Spanish-American War, General Howard came down to assist in the work. One evening, in an address to about three thousand soldiers, he said: "Forty-one years ago, in old Fort Brook, just two miles from this tabernacle, I surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. Every soldier knows what it means to surrender. Well, I surrendered to Jesus, and I have been following Him as my General ever since, and He is the best General that ever led an army. At the close of a Sunday evening sermon the preacher said, 'If there is anyone here who wants to be a Christian, come forward, and we will pray for you.' Some fifteen or twenty went forward and knelt down at the altar. Just behind me were two officers from Fort Brook, in their regimentals, and they were greatly amused; they were having some fun at the expense of the mourners. That made me mad. I said, 'I would rather be up there with those mourners than back here with these mockers.' So I went up and knelt down with 'the mourners.' The only reason I did so was because I was angry at those officers. I wanted to show them that I did not like their mocking. After a little while the preacher came, and kneeling beside me told me about the Christ of my mother and father; and when I arose from that altar, I was determined to be a Christian. I walked down the aisle with military bearing, and went to my barracks' room at old Fort Brook. I got out my Bible, that I had not seen for months, and laying it on the old table knelt before it. As I read it, I surrendered

to the Lord Jesus Christ. There came a peace and a joy into my soul I never had before. I got up and walked the room, saying, 'Glory to God! Salvation through Jesus! Salvation complete!' I did not sleep a wink that night. I felt that it would be a loss of time to sleep; and I spent the whole night reading my Bible, praying and praising God."

The next morning an officer met him on the way to breakfast and said, "Howard, I hear you have turned pious," to which he replied, "I don't care if I have; I'm not ashamed of it!" The officer said, "If you will come around to my room, I can show you a hundred mistakes in the Bible." Howard said, "There's one thing you cannot show me, and that is that last night at nine o'clock, I didn't surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, since which time I have been so happy that I couldn't sleep. Show me that!" The officer shut his mouth, opened his eyes, and went on. When you get a man to open his eyes and shut his mouth, there is hope for him. It is when he shuts his eyes and opens his mouth that he discourages you.

Another officer said, "I hear you have turned Christian, Howard. There is a lot of superstition in Christianity. I can talk you out of it in fifteen minutes." Howard said, "You cannot talk me out of the fact that last night I surrendered to Jesus Christ and have been so happy that I couldn't sleep." This officer also shut his mouth, opened his eyes, and passed on.

General Howard began at once to pray that God would give him every soul in Fort Brook; and before they broke camp, every one in the fort had become a Christian except one. This one three years later, on a battlefield in Virginia, said to General Howard, "Down there at old Fort Brook you got something I wanted; I wish I had it!" "I preached to him Jesus," said General Howard, "and he accepted Him as his personal Saviour." In less than two weeks a shell burst near him, and he went into Glory.

Yonder, a poor drunkard, bleary-eyed, friendless and penniless kneels down at the old bench in the Jerry MacAulay Mission, and passes a crisis—the crisis of taking God's side against sin—accepts Jesus as his Redeemer, and begins the process of growth in grace. And yonder at Tampa, a

clean young soldier from a Christian home, kneeling beside the old table in the barracks' room, passes the crisis—the very same crisis—accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and begins the process of growth in grace.

Will you not pass the crisis by accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and begin at once the process of growth in grace? (From the book *Through Night to Morning*, published by Doran, with grateful acknowledgement.)

### My Decision for Christ

You have read the fine sermon by Dr. A. C. Dixon. Now do you want to be saved? The editor makes an earnest plea for you to turn to Christ right now. You can be saved and know it. You can have your sins forgiven and you may enter into the joyous, blessed life and peace which Christ gives. If you will honestly repent of your sins, depend on Christ to forgive you and save you, He will do it here and now, this moment. In Jesus' name, I plead with you to make the decision and take Him today.

If you will take Christ as your Saviour, then sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter and mail it to me at once. How glad I will be to hear that you have found the same Saviour I love, the same Saviour who saved me! Do it today! And I will write you a letter of counsel and encouragement. Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

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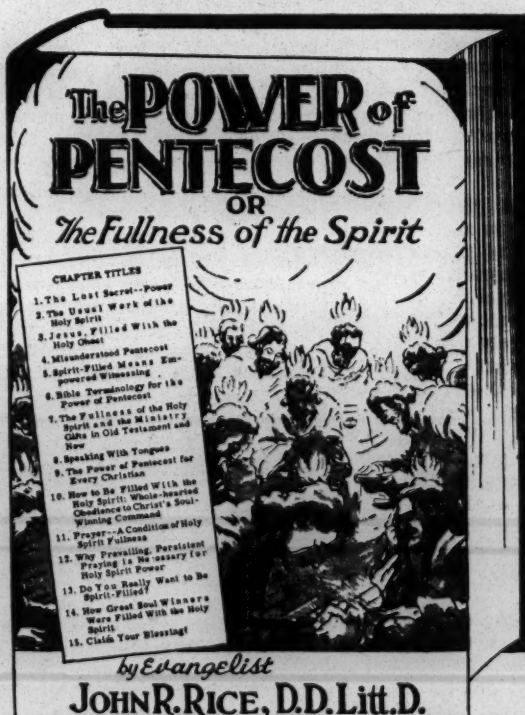
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## The Most Important Emphasis in Soul Winning

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he preached the gospel there were some to whom the Word came "in word only," but there were others to whom it came "also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."

I know many believers cannot remember the day that they were saved. I can never forget the morning when the Word of God was being read in my presence, or quoted, and as I heard that Word, I laid hold of something. I had been under conviction of sin for perhaps two weeks. The Word came to my heart that morning for the first time in my life, not in word only. I could have told people the plan of salvation. It did not come "in word only;" it also came "in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." As I got into my car and drove to my mother's home, I could hardly see to drive because of the tears of joy that were streaming down my face. I knew that when I called on the name of the Lord that day in that place, no one actually knowing it around me until some time after when I went back and told them, I was saved. When I received the Lord—and I knew there were many things I didn't understand—I was challenged with this word: that if I would do His will, I would know the teaching, whether it was of God or whether the Lord spoke of Himself. I took the Word that day and said, "I want to know. Although there are many things in my heart that are not right, I do see myself as under condemnation, and I cry out now for salvation through the shed blood of Christ. I want Him as my Saviour." And the Word came to me, not "in word only," as it had many times before, but "in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." I knew afterward that my mother, my Sunday School teacher and many friends had prayed for me. That was why there came a day when the Word came to me in power.

### Ephesians 3:20 Again Emphasizes the "Exceeding, Abundant Power" Available

I bring this study to a close by calling attention to one more verse in Ephesians that has to do with this power, this thing that worked in Paul mightily. It was a struggle and an agony, but it was a struggle and an agony according to His working which worked in Paul mightily in those days. God help us to have more people like that in our generation.

Look at Ephesians 3:20. The apostle, in the first prayer, introduced the subject of the great power of God that saves, so that the New Testament says, "If any man be in Christ, [here is the proof and here is the test, not whether they can say John 3:16—here is the test] he is a new creature [creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God" (II Cor. 5:17, 18). That is how the Spirit of God describes those who are in Christ. Yet we find so many who say, "Yes, I hope I'm saved," or, "Yes, I believe John 3:16." And we know as the

words are in their teeth that they do not know the meaning of those words at all.

And how many of us quote Ephesians 3:20 without realizing that it has never meant anything to us? The reason has been that we have stopped at a comma, and we have not noticed the condition of this verse. Our God is able to do all these things according to something — "according to the power that worketh in us."

Now that power was given to you and to me at Pentecost. That power has been in possession of the church ever since. If I were to read pages that I brought with me about revival in the past, we would all realize that a revival came only when individuals and congregations determined they would allow the power of God to work in them, that they would pay the price, that they would "observe to do according to all that is written" in this Book, that they would meditate in it day and night, and they would give themselves, as did the

apostles in Acts 4, to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

Now, this Scripture says that God is able according to that power. Every revival, I believe without exception, that I have ever read enough about to understand has been the result of a meeting of those requirements that we all are so familiar with, so that the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost and empowered the church then has been able to manifest Himself, fill His people, shake the place and shake the region. Beloved, this thing happens when we begin to take the Word of God seriously, when instead of quoting Ephesians 3:20 and saying, "Oh, our God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think" and not being able to point to a single example of that truth in our own lives, we believe God and begin to act upon His Word. This verse, beloved, is given for our instruction and our admonition.

If we have never seen in our personal work, evangelistic preaching, pastoral work or home life the ability of God demonstrated; if God has not actually done "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," then we must

stand condemned. His power has not been allowed to work in us. We haven't been willing to pay the price, and the price sometimes is a pretty serious thing and the discipline very rigorous. If we are going to know the power of God working in us, we must come to face the fact that hitherto we have not really honored the Word as we ought. This verse has been on our lips but not in our heart. How many of us really could say He has really done more than we asked Him for?—"I asked about this and look what He did, so far beyond anything that I ever dreamed of, more than I thought He would do!" God wants to do that for anyone who will let Him. I know that God will make a world-wide blessing of anyone who will allow Him to do it. He is looking today for people whom He can empower with His Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is not going to come from Heaven again. He is here now, and we are to possess that power. Our ministry ought to be a constant demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. We ought to know what Paul meant in our own lives when he said in Colossians 1:29, the passage with which I started, "... according

to his working, which worketh in me mightily." God help us to pray for those who are witnessing and holding meetings, who are establishing Christian works, and who are maintaining faithful Christian works! God help us to hold one another up in prayer!

But let us see that as far as we are concerned we have met the conditions and that God is thereafter, from this moment on, actually going to do far beyond anything we ever ask or thought. He will do it and He is waiting for us to let Him. Thank God, He will when we meet the conditions!

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